

ALLIED PARLEY NEAR COLLAPSE, BRITISH ADMIT

England and Italy Refuse To Yield as France Presses Demands.

BELGIAN MEDIATION OFFERS ARE FUTILE

Lloyd George Summons Cabinet to Make 'Grave Decisions.'

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Fear is expressed that the allied conference is on the verge of collapse. The British admit that the situation is critical and that an agreement among the powers on the reparations question seems hopeless.

The French are holding out for a majority of their original drastic demands for supervision of Germany's internal financial administration and for prompt clearing house payments in satisfaction of private claims.

British Will Not Yield. The British and the Italians, on the other hand, are no more disposed to yield on their moderate attitude. Belgian offers to mediate have failed.

The seriousness of the situation is indicated by the fact that Lloyd George has summoned cabinet members from the continent and other places where they are sojourning, for the purpose of making what is semi-officially termed "grave decisions." These decisions, it was said, involve the present threat of a rupture between Britain and France, with France pursuing her own course single-handed against Germany.

Experts Fail to Agree. The experts' committee was unable to reach an agreement, and has prepared a report to that effect. A majority of Premier Poincaré's proposals were rejected, the French standing alone except in one instance, when the Belgian representatives supported them.

The full meeting of the conference, which had been set for tomorrow, was postponed at the request of the British, who desire to have the questions at issue thoroughly discussed in cabinet meeting before they are again debated by the allied representatives.

This cabinet session may decide the fate of the Anglo-French entente, for it will depend largely on the views expressed by Lloyd George's ministers just how far the British delegation will compromise to obtain an agreement with France.

It is probable that the actual outcome of the conference will rest with a series of private conversations between Lloyd George, Premier Poincaré, Foreign Minister Schanzer, of Italy, and Premier Theunis, of Belgium.

Claim Efforts Futile. French and other continental delegates claim that the Anglo-French entente, because the recent Balfour note is based on conciliation of the inter-allied debts, could be compromised. However, Premier Poincaré moderating his attitude toward Germany on condition that the British modify the policy laid down in the Balfour note, thus linking up once more the question of German reparations and the inter-allied debt.

There is to be considered, however, the consistent opposition of Lloyd George to what he terms Premier Poincaré's policy of a return to coercion against Germany. The British premier contends that the French desire would drag the remainder of the continent into the same kind of chaos that Germany is now suffering.

ACTRESS DESERTS ROLE FOR HUSBAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A husband better to a desolate role than a theatrical career that last night, without notice, she fled from her dressing room at the "Partying" and married Clarence Levy, of that city.

Mrs. Levy had not returned tonight and it is believed that in the strongest terms permitted a theatrical producer in these days of dictatorship that she can't work for him again, ever. Furthermore, he will complain to the Actors' Equity Association of the actress's faithlessness, in spite of a contract.

MATHILDE LEAVES FOR SWITZERLAND

PARIS, Aug. 9.—Hopping on the train at the last minute with all the eagerness of a schoolgirl, Mathilde McCormick, the sub-deb fiancée of Max Oser, the middle-aged Swiss riding master, left Paris for Switzerland today.

Her father, Harold F. McCormick, the Chicago millionaire, and Mme. Ganna Walska, the Polish opera singer, whom he is reported to be engaged, were at the railroad station to see Mathilde off.

McCormick refused to divulge his daughter's destination, the date of her forthcoming wedding with Oser, or whether her plans are completely made.

PADGETT BEHIND IN TENNESSEE VOTE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 9.—Lemuel Padgett, Democratic candidate for Representative, who died on the eve of the Tennessee primaries, has been defeated by eighteen votes, according to complete returns today.

Unofficial returns had indicated the deceased representative of the seventh district had been "renominated."

W. C. Salmon, Colusa's attorney, is a candidate for nomination on the basis of new returns.

Interest Intense As D.C. Beauties Submit Photos

"Miss Washington" Will Be Best Known Girl In District.

So many people have become interested in "Miss Washington" and her trip to Atlantic City September 6, 7 and 8 through the moving pictures of Washington young women who are seeking that title, that every fact about The Herald competition should be repeated in full.

In the first place, any young woman in the District of Columbia is eligible. The only requirement is to send a photograph to The Herald, or to arrange with the Art Editor to have a portrait made free of charge by one of Washington's best photographers. Every photograph must be in The Herald office before August 25.

After August 25 all the photographs will be handed over to a board of nine capable judges. They are: Henry E. Stringer, president of the City Club; Herbert Francis Clark, Benson B. Moore, and A. H. O. Rolle, of the Landscape Club; Isaac Gans, vice president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce; Lawrence Beatus, managing director, Loew's Palace Theater; Nelson Bell, publicity director of the Crandall Theaters; Corbin Shield, manager of Moore's Rialto Theater, and

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IRREGULARS FIRE QUEENSTOWN ON FLEEING TO CORK

Last Mass Resistance Expected as Nationals Advance.

DUBLIN, Aug. 9.—Queenstown has been set afire and vacated by the irregulars who retreated toward Cork after blowing up a railroad bridge at Foaty, according to officers of the steamship Orlock Head, which steamed up Cork Harbor Tuesday morning and was forced to turn back when it found the narrow channel at Black Rock, three miles below Cork City, blocked by sunken bridges.

The Orlock arrived at Dublin late today and discharged its cargo which was intended for Cork.

Bridge Span in Water. The vessel turned about when the officer on the bridge saw Nationals disembarking from two transports at the passenger pier west of Cork. The movement was executed without a shot being fired. Across the channel one span of the Foaty Bridge was lying in the water. This is on the line connecting Queenstown with the mainland.

Three Bodies Land. A three bodies of Nationals are simultaneously landing at Cork, Bantry and Youghal, according to reliable information reaching Dublin. Censors passed dispatches stating that Bantry and Youghal are in the possession of government troops, and that another detachment is fighting for Cork.

Troops landed earlier at Tralee were taken to Killarney and Abbeysfeale and Drumcollogher, the last stronghold of the irregulars in County Limerick has also fallen.

From all points except the South the Nationals are advancing upon the irregulars in County Cork. The last mass resistance will be broken with the fall of Cork City, and the campaign will then degenerate into man hunts in the mountains.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—It is reported in Irish circles in London that De Valera is planning to appear at the next meeting of the Irish Parliament in Dublin to confess the failure of armed rebellion and offer to carry on the fight for the Constitutional Republican party in the new Free State.

It is stated that this decision is due not only to the complete military failure but to the lack of financial aid and other support from the United States and other Irishmen abroad on whom he relied for monthly funds to carry on the Republican fight.

The colonial office, which is responsible for the relations between England and Ireland, is sceptical, thinking that De Valera is a man who will keep his mind made up at any time. It is possible, however, that some of his followers may take this course. The Free State is offering a pardon to all rebels who will promise to refrain from rebellion in the future.

CAPT. HONEYWELL PROBABLE WINNER

GENEVA, Aug. 9.—Capt. H. E. Honeywell, American pilot of the balloon "Uncle Sam," descended today at Tapioyevo, east of Budapest, and is probably the winner of the James Gordon Bennett cup balloon race, according to word received here. He landed more than 1,000 kilometers from the starting point.

Two other balloons have not been accounted for. Maj. Oscar Westover, also an American, is second in the competition.

RAIL WORKERS QUIT AFTER POISONING

LINDHURST, N. J., Aug. 9.—Hoboken and local physicians since Monday have been attending numerous cases of what is apparently ptomaine poisoning among the striking breakers employed in the Kingsland car shops of the D. L. & W. Railroad here. More than sixty men and women were stricken and a dozen cases are still serious.

Some of the strikebreakers quit their jobs and left Lindhurst.

The Only Thing That Keeps Their Heads Above Water—By Darling



HITCHCOCK FAVORS WORLD-WIDE BANK TO GOVERN TRADE

Plan to Settle Disarmament Problem Included Is Senator's Project.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A plan for an international bank with a capital of \$2,000,000,000, which would revolutionize the methods of conducting international commercial transactions, was advanced by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, in a speech today before the midsummer convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

Under Senator Hitchcock's proposal, paper issued by the projected bank would be substituted for gold as the basis of international credit and what the Senator characterized as "gambling" in foreign exchange would be prevented. Among other things, the plan includes a settlement of the disarmament problem. In many particulars it differs from the plan of an international bank suggested some months ago by Frank A. Vanderlip.

U. S. Would Control Bank. As the Senator proposed, the bank would be incorporated and the United States government would subscribe to \$1,300,000,000 of the stock. With this stock ownership, the United States would have control. Other nations would be entitled to subscribe \$900,000,000 of the stock and banks, bankers, exporters and importers interested in international trade would be entitled to subscribe to \$500,000,000 worth.

To become stockholders, nations of the world, under the plan, "may make treaty arrangements with the president of the United States. One-third of the capital to be subscribed by each nation or stockholder is to be paid in gold and the remaining two-thirds may be paid in interest-bearing bonds of solvent governments."

Under the proposed plan a solvent government is one that makes due provision for all its external claims, maintains a balanced budget and enters into an arrangement with the United States for armament reduction for the purpose of assuring its solvency.

Plans to Aid Commerce. The bank would not only finance international commerce by the purchase and sale of bills of exchange, and lend money to exporters and importers, but it would also be the operation of the purchase and sale of government securities of those nations owning stock in the bank, Hitchcock proposed. The bank would also have power to issue currency to be known as the international dollar.

BLUECOAT ARRESTS HIS WIFE'S ESCORT

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—John Meyers, accepted today as a member of the police department, had an opportunity to use his newly acquired authority immediately after leaving the examining board. He was on his way home to tell his wife the news of his acceptance when he was surprised to see her ride by in an automobile with her arms around the driver's neck. He gave chase and when William A. Smith refused to submit there was a fight and both Meyers and Smith were taken into custody.

Smith was fined \$25 and Meyers was discharged.

Bill Hart Parted From Young Bride

Noted Screen Star to Be Divorced, According to Report.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—Despite the efforts of Will H. Hays, "Czar of the Movies," to act as peacemaker, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hart, both well known in movie-dom, have come to the parting of the ways. "Big Bill," hero of many Western dramas, and his wife, known to screen fans as Winifred Westover, have separated, and Mrs. Hart is said to be contemplating divorce proceedings.

It was learned that the Harts separated three months ago, when Mrs. Hart left the Hart home in Hollywood and moved to Santa Monica, where she is living with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Westover, while awaiting the coming of the stork, which is expected in November.

If divorce proceedings are not brought, it was said Mrs. Hart may bring an action against the famous screen hero's sister, Wanda, for seducing the affection of "Big Bill." Mary Hart is in New York at present.

The film star has submitted to his wife and her attorney a property settlement which is now under consideration. The settlement, it is stated, provides also for the unborn child.

Will Hays, head of the movie industry, is considerably wrought up over the numerous separations in movie-dom. While in Los Angeles recently Mr. Hays attempted, it is said, to bring about a reconciliation between the Harts. Failing in this, he turned his efforts to trying to effect an amicable agreement of separation and is still working along that line, with the result in doubt.

The Harts were married December 8, 1921.

SHERIFF WOUNDED. ASSAILANT FLEES

CLIFTON FORGE, Va., Aug. 9.—Sheriff E. B. Butler, of Allegheny County, was brought to a hospital here this afternoon seriously wounded. A man named Walker is being sought in connection with the shooting.

The sheriff and two other officers had gone to search the house of John Adams, near Covington, presumably for liquor. When the sheriff approached the house with a warrant a man dashed out and shot the sheriff without cause, according to witnesses. Although Sheriff Butler had two wounds—one near the heart and the other in the abdomen—he returned the fire. His assailant escaped.

When the news of the shooting reached Covington fifty men hurried to the scene to search for the assailant.

At the hospital tonight it is said that Butler is resting easily, but that physicians will be unable to tell how serious his wounds will be until morning.

Schwab Controls Stutz Co.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Charles M. Schwab will exercise a controlling voice in the reorganized Stutz Motor Company, it was believed, following developments today. The Guaranty Trust Company, which bought out the Stutz stock at auction recently, announced it had disposed of "substantially all of the stock" to private interests associated with Schwab.

HAYNES TO COMBAT RUM SMUGGLERS WITH SUB-CHASERS

Will Be Launched After Treaty With Britain Is Signed.

A "Prohibition Navy," composed of converted submarine chasers in large numbers, is prepared to take to the "high seas" in search of rum smugglers as soon as treaty arrangements can be concluded with Great Britain, it was disclosed yesterday by Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes.

Already, it was learned, several fleets are operating off the coast, but at present the three-mile limit restricts operations. With the conclusion of a treaty with Great Britain, whereby British ships may be searched on the high seas for rum and American ships searched for arms for Irish rebels, the prohibition navy expects to wage an aggressive campaign against liquor smugglers from the British West Indian possessions and to break up the condition of affairs whereby ships of British registry anchor outside the jurisdictional limits of the United States to unload their cargoes into smaller ships which in turn distribute their wares all along the Atlantic coast.

Plan to Have 6 Bases. Operating from New York as a base, for example, is a fleet of four submarines, each carrying over 14 officers and men, supplemented by aviation forces and two speedy launches. Although Prohibition Commissioner Haynes would not disclose his plan, it is understood that there are about six bases along the Atlantic coast.

Each ship, it was learned, is commanded by an officer of the naval reserve and carries an experienced navigator. The ships using New York as a base carry two customs inspectors for the present in order that advantage may be taken of the tacit agreement by which British and American authorities search vessels of the other country's registry for smugglers anywhere within twelve miles from shore.

It will be the duty of the aviation naval base and chasers will be quickly dispatched to the suspicious ship's location where its actions will be closely watched and, if warranted, a search made.

Rum Cargo Near New York. Prohibition Commissioner Haynes predicts that, with the additional power which a satisfactory treaty will confer, rum smuggling from the British West Indian possessions can be brought well under control.

ADMITS HER DOGS KILLED FARMER

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 9.—A. Elise, farmer, was killed by dogs set on him by their mistress, Mrs. Mabel Balardi, according to an alleged confession made by the woman today.

"I'll tell the truth," said the woman, breaking down under a severe grilling, "but my dogs must be protected, for they protected me."

25,000 SHOPMEN AND HEADS OF EASTERN RAILROADS VOTE TO REJECT HARDING'S PLAN; COAL STRIKE TO END THIS WEEK, IS BELIEF

BOTH SIDES YIELD

Strong Influences Urge Restoration of Last Year's Wage Scale.

COAL COMMISSION INCLUDED IN PLAN

President Likely to Seize Mines if Cleveland Conference Fails.

Administration officials, it was learned yesterday, confidently expect a general settlement of the coal strike before the end of the week. They are looking for a settlement which will embrace all the operators and miners, following the conference between mine leaders and a portion of the operators now in progress at Cleveland.

The administration optimism is based upon information received from various sources. The operators it is declared, are known to be less antagonistic to a satisfactory compromise than they have been at any time heretofore. The mine workers, as indicated, are disposed to submit terms less drastic than those they have been insisting upon.

Program Worked Out. The information received by the President and his advisers is that strong influences are at work among the operators who compose the national coal association in favor of the following program: Restoration of the last year's wage scale, with a check-off system, continuation of the check-off system.

Creation of a coal commission to investigate the situation and to recommend a new agreement. Postponement of further controversy until next spring when the proposed investigation of the industry will have been completed.

Advisers of the President, of the National Coal Operators Association, who opposed any compromise which would continue the wage agreement covering the entire central competitive field, have reached the conclusion that it is favorable to the plan now outlined and willing to use his influence to bring an end to the strike on this basis.

Senator Aides Negotiations.

Senator McKinley, of Illinois, it is learned, also has acted in behalf of the proposed agreement and through agents in Illinois has been in communication with the leading operators. Advisers of the President, it is said, are confident that the trend of sentiment to be so strongly favorable to the proposal as to justify the expectation that the end of the strike will be reached before Saturday.

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President Would Seize Mines.

If these plans fail the President, it is declared, will remain determined to force coal mines and operate them under protection by Federal troops. Unless the settlement comes this week, the plan will be put into operation as soon as possible. The President may wait the return of the House to see Congressional sanction to the proceedings he has in mind.

The settlement negotiations now under way are said to have been carried on in large measure by William A. Glasgow of Philadelphia, a lawyer for the mine workers, and Ralph Crews, of New York, for the operators. Both have been in Washington and at the Cleveland conference and in touch with operators who declined to participate in the Cleveland conference.

Relief for acute fuel shortages on railroads in Illinois, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania is being sought.

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Railroads Heads Will be Urged to Yield to Harding

Action Tomorrow Hangs On Strength Shown by Bitter-Enders.

EXECUTIVES FEAR CONGRESS MAY ACT

Strike Leaders Said to Favor Bill to Take Over Railroads.

Developments in the rail strike situation yesterday, were:

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Will Ignore General Action.

This decision, it is understood, will not be affected in any way by the attitude of the remainder of the 150 first class roads at the general meeting to be held here Friday. The "bitter enders" of the Eastern group said today that the action of the General Association of Railway Executives will not be binding, and that no matter what the majority of the roads vote to do with the President's plan, the Eastern roads will refuse to accept it.

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Fear Action by Congress.

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There is, however, a growing fear of hostile public sentiment in both camps. Railroad executives seemed much relieved today to find the strikers opposing the President's peace plans. At first they were somewhat apprehensive about taking the lead in rejecting peace proffers from Washington twice in succession and refused to commit themselves publicly on the second plan when it was first submitted.

Adds 5,000 Men Daily, He Says.

Loree said that all roads are putting on a total of 5,000 new men each day, and that at this rate normal forces will soon be built up all over the country. Eastern roads have filled the quota of men asked for by four of the Southern coal roads who were left short handed by the strike, he said.

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STRIKERS CLASH WITH TROOPERS

NANTICOKE, Pa., Aug. 9.—State troopers, deputy sheriffs and coal and iron policemen clashed with idle miners and sympathizers here today in a mine riot.

One man was sent to the hospital with a deep scalp laceration and half a dozen suffered minor injuries.

Clash in Indiana. STANTON, Ind., Aug. 9.—The first casualty in the State's effort to mine coal under martial law occurred today.

Sgt. Charles H. Hoskins, of Gary, a member of the Signal Corps, was shot through the wrist while asleep in his tent.

Skirmish between National Guardsmen and alleged snipers was going on at the time.

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